









## Soldier Draws Long Sentence For ODB Fraud

Five years' imprisonment at hard labor, dishonorable discharge from the Army, and forfeiture of all pay and allowances was the sentence imposed by a military court in the New York area upon an Army private who attempted to get a family allowance for a person not eligible to receive it.

The case of the private, revealed by Brig. Gen. H. N. Gilbert, USA, Director of the Office of Dependency Beneficiary Affairs of the Army Service Forces, in a dispatch to the Bayonet.

"This is the most severe sentence yet imposed for fraud in connection with family allowance," General Gilbert stated.

"The soldier was charged with violation of the 44th article of War, in that he knowingly executed a fraudulent affidavit so as to assist a woman whom he described as his wife in obtaining a family allowance."

Evidence developed in the case revealed that the soldier, who had been married for a number of years and had deserted his wife and young son in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1937, entered the Army under an assumed name in January, 1942.

**BIGAMOUS MARRIAGE**  
In November 1941, however, he had gone through a bigamous marriage ceremony with a girl in Newark, N. J. Soon after entering the Army, he applied for a family allowance for this girl, naming her as his wife. The allowance was authorized and paid.

As the fraud was established, the ODB discontinued her family allowance. Refund of payments to which she had not been entitled will be required by the ODB in accordance with the law, General Gilbert revealed.

"There was no evidence, however, that this girl was a party to the fraud, and she has not been prosecuted," the General added.

A family allowance has been authorized for the soldier's lawful wife and their child, it was stated, and this allowance is being paid. They still reside in Philadelphia.

**DESERTED WIFE CLEVER**  
Through the ingenuity of the deserted wife, the ODB first gained information leading to the soldier's arrest and conviction, according to General Gilbert. She arranged to have a picture of him placed in a publication under a "missing man" caption. The picture was recognized, and the wife was informed as to the whereabouts of the missing husband by an interested reader. She then submitted an application for a family allowance for herself and child, based upon the service of the man she believed to be her husband.

An investigation by the ODB's Field Investigations Branch proved her to be right, and the soldier was brought to justice.

"The ODB maintains the Field Investigations Branch, with its network of regional investigating officers throughout the country, in order to catch up with attempts to defraud the Government," General Gilbert pointed out.

"Cheaters can't win," he said. "We're here to see that they don't get paid."

**TPS Formally Opens New PO**  
The New Parachute School post office was formally opened recently with the first stamp being sold to General Ridgely Galtner, Commandant of the Infantry School.

The post office is located in building 2046 near the corner of Belknap Street, Parachute School area. The building is known as a "T" building and will house three sections: Unit No. 11 of the United States office, The Army Directory Service of the Parachute School and the mail room of the Parachute School.

In the post office section there are six service windows for the transaction of stamp sales, registry, insured and C. O. D. business, money order business and a window for the sale of War Bonds and War Savings Stamps.

The Army Directory Service will handle all mail incorrectly or indefinitely addressed to The Parachute School.

The mail room will handle all incoming and outgoing mail to and from the Parachute School. The facilities provided will be ample to care for the needs of all the personnel in the Parachute School area, and will be a decided convenience to the personnel as more than two miles from the Parachute School area.

The postal facilities are under the general supervision of Captain Corbin E. Imhoff, AGD, acting adjutant of the Parachute School, and Lt. John A. Kelley, AGD, postal officer of the Parachute School.

## 40th Tank Bn. Gives Yule Dance

The enlisted men of the 40th Tank Bn. held the first dance since their activation last week in the 7th Armored Service club with 150 women from Columbus and West Point, Ga., as well as wives, and WACs from other parts of the post.

Cpl. John D. Guarascio, of the battalion, and Pvt. Violet A. Crandall of the WAC Det. Station Complement, Section I main post, took top honors as well as a \$25 War Bond for winning a jitterbug contest during the course of the evening. However, Cpl. Guarascio offered the bond to Pvt. Crandall. At the close of the dance another bond given to Cpl. Guarascio for his part in winning the jitterbug contest.

Dust from burned-out meteors sifts constantly to the earth, adding slowly but surely to its bulk.

## Talent Revue Features Truck Regiment Birthday

The Truck Regiment, The Infantry School, observed its first anniversary by presenting a regimental talent revue at the Sports Arena before a large crowd of regimental personnel and invited guests.

Using one end of the huge building for the program, the program committee presented the talent in the form of a radio broadcast and before the microphone, there appeared variety and novelty acts from every battalion within the regiment. The First Battalion presented a master of ceremonies. Sergeant Wilbur Wyatt, who in turn gave a sketch of his battalion's activity and then introduced a unit quartet, led by S-Sgt. Evans. Topping off this group's offering, Pvt. Burgin Prather, comedian extraordinary, kept the crowd in a state of laughter with his funny antics.

The Second Battalion, emceed speaker presented a compact program interspersed with comedy and dancing. Participants on this portion of the evening's program were entertainers Lawrence Long, Lewis Bibbs, Wallace Powell, and Jessie Salters.

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## 6 Truck Regiment Officers Promoted

Colonel Frank J. Vida, commanding officer of the Truck Regiment, The Infantry School, announces the recent promotion of six first lieutenants to the rank of captain.

Captain Carrol R. Fleming, Wil-

liam J. Seamon, Earl J. Turner, Paul L. Cook, and Robert E. Smith are commanding officers of truck companies and Captain William E. Hamsley is one of the battalion supply officers. All of these officers have been with the regiment since the early days of its activation and their promotions are the result of diligent effort on their part.

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"Those who say that the casualties on Tarawa were too high... should realize that the Marines on Tarawa killed four Japs for each Marine that died. We lost approximately 1,000 Marines but the Japs lost every body they had... In an offensive operation you should expect to lose more than the enemy... so we got Tarawa cheaper than we had any right to expect."

—Major General H. M. Smith, U. S. M. C.

## Not Who's Right But What's Right New Year Guide

Just as America was wrested by steady hand and clear eye from the wilderness of 1620, so America today must be won afresh. Not from the tangle of scrub oak, and pine and fallen trees that covered the continent three centuries ago, but from a tangle of ideas. An underbrush of ideologies has sprung up to choke the American trail—un-Americanism, un-Christian theories, which in 1944 will need clearing up.

Ahead of us this coming year there lies a thicket of conflicting and high-running emotions, leftist and rightist trends, selfish-pressure groups. The keep edge of our own ideas and ideals has been dulled by the increasing materialism of the last two decades. The American axe needs sharpening. We need to get back the old sense of right and wrong. Then we will see the way through the confusion of guarded and poisonous ideas that divide us. Then we can have a clear path of calm judgment, impassioned only by true caring for each other and this land.

Most of all we need the spirit of the pioneer and master woodsman who blazed our American trail through war and destiny eighty years ago. He was the trail splitter who pushed ahead towards a new day "with malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right."

Not who's right but what's right—"as God gives us to see the right." This can be our unflinching compass in next year's overhanging tangle of emotion and ideas. With this illumination as our guide, in America's Christian tradition, we can come out of the woods on the other side of war and post-war reconstruction, finding we have blazed the trail to a permanent new world.

## Army Builds Men Physically, Mentally, and Spiritually

Outside of the physical aspect of the title, have you readers stopped to think how the Army builds men spiritually and mentally as well?

I have been taking stock, mulling over my two years in the Army to see just what being a soldier has done for me. Frankly, I have uncovered a vast quantity of wonderful things and I'd like to pass them on to you. Perhaps many of you are worrying needlessly about husbands, brothers and sweethearts in the service of our country, and I should like to tell you how much better off any of them shall be when they return through the fortunes of war, physically broken, but even those men shall have realized the reason for their very existence, and their spirits shall raise them above mere physical suffering.

Let me go back to a peaceful world, before Pearl Harbor, and day-dream a bit about our easy going ways, and our complacency. I, like so many other boys, was going about my daily tasks, not so much as giving a thought to the wonderful life I had, thinking of it as something that would go on from minute to minute, until one day, with practically no change in the set routine, I should in some form or other meet death. I liked people and was pleased to think that they in turn liked me. I valued friendship, money, and the so evident material things of the world. Then, on December 7, 1941, our little world was taken for a little ride, and I who had been in the Army since October under Selective Service, and who had just been thinking of the Army in terms of time which had to be served, as a prisoner would serve out a compulsory sentence, suddenly began to perk up and think about what all this meant to me, and look at my fellow soldiers as brothers, and as close to me as members of my own family, closer, in a sense, because they and I would be living in close companionship until all this would be over. I found out many things in the next two years, and if I may, would like to present a few to you.

I had always been given as the definition for friend one who would tell you your faults, and though he or she would commend you on occasion for your good qualities, would be comparatively stingy with praise because of the harm it does. Well, in the Army I found that your best friends will take you to task for the least little step out of line, and will ride the living daylight out of you, until finally, because there is no course open to you if you wish to, as we say, "get on the beam," you change for the better.

You learn a deep feeling of tolerance for all nations and creeds, since you perhaps sleep between a Chinese and Greek. You learn not to look with your nose in the air at a boy from Tennessee hills, because he might like to go without shoes. He perhaps never wore any until he came into the Army. You glow with pride when you hear a boy of one religious group patiently admonishing one of his own group who had fallen by the wayside, to take account of himself and go back to church.

You get an inner warmth when you hear the fellow next to you, perhaps crying himself to sleep at night. You don't consider him weak, because you have found that even though he might have been an all-American quarterback at a very famous university, he is showing you his weakness; all of us are weak in one thing or another. You don't laugh at a boy, because he has had no education, is labeled by his buddies due to certain idiosyncrasies, as a "character."

No, you help him, and try to point out how many things he too, may learn by keeping his eyes and ears open. You learn that no matter how disreputable a person may be, he has fine points which have only to be uncovered. A kind word from you may even do the uncovering.

You learn that even the weakest person has an inborn sense of honor, and he can be made to change overnight if given a chance to put that honor to the test. You learn what makes that lump come into your throat when you hear the bugler blow "Retreat." You learn why you want to go out on the field of battle and fight with your life, as you listen to the National Anthem. These and many more discoveries are yours, and can be had by every boy or man in the service of his country.

You people at home; if you have a member of your family whom you have given to Uncle Sam, don't worry about him. He'll come back a better and bigger man for his little separation from you, and the next time you look at an Army poster which states, "The Army Builds Men," rest assured that they mean your boy, whether husband, father, brother or sweetheart.

Sgt. Paul F. Cunningham, Chief Operator, Post Radio Station.

## Before You Wed The Gal Give Her The Acid Test

Christmas Day!!... Me kids is beefin all over the joint because Santa filled up Momma's ankles instead of the one pair of nylon she's got left!! Me old lady is barkin at me because I gave her a "do-it-at-home permanent wave kit." Meelf, I yam beefin because I shouldn't never got married!!... In my house, they ain't no difference between me and a bayonet dummy!!

A lotta soldiers is fixing to get married these days, and lemme tell ya it is more better to find out things about yer wimmen before it's too late!!

Ifen yer gal asks ya what d'ya think of her legs?... tell her the truth!!... They're only a dozen perfect fingers in this world, and yer gal knows that... So don't fib to her... Ifen she's got legs like a Daschund, or a bit like a Louis La Fourteenth pillow, tell her so!!... If she sticks to ya after that, she's okay!

Fergooness sakes, my wife insists I go along every time she wants to buy a new dress... She still thinks she wears a "Juni's Miss" size. It makes me red in the pass to walk to the saleslady go over to another saleslady, jump back in our direction, and last like!!... Well it's this... Every time we move to another post, need a whole trunk for a pair of my G. I. shoes, and a wife's bathin suit!!... And her bathin suit always sticks out of the trunk some place!!... I sit gits in a bus, and from then on, the driver has to take in passengers thru the rear door!!... I bot her a pair o' wedgies last week... They look like moccasins now!!... And I just gotta go on and on telling her she could win a movie contest every day!!

Fer gosh sakes... find out ifen your future better half-tracks can wash clothes!!... Give her a pair of yer stockings to wash... This is a terrific test!!... They might come back all shrink up or they'll look like a fruit salad... One or two-oh... So give 'em to a little girl fer doll socks... Ifen yer babe still loves ya after that, keep punchin, boy... She'll soon learn how to wash it betcha, or else!!

Good Lord!!... My laundry bill can insultate a reel of combat wire!!... Ye old steam laundry sends me a pamphlet each month, and if it didn't have have dollars signs on it, I'd think it was a milk train schedule!!... Heck!!... I never found out me wife couldn't wash until the day I noticed I was lacing the baby's shoes wit one of me sun-tan ties!!... Such a lousy situation... Stippthoooy!!... Wimen don't hafta hate mice n' rats... When I got home 'other nite, me old lady and the kids were standing in the 3rd dresser drawer... and a poor little mouse was drowned dead... In two feet of me wife's perspiration... tek, tek... And do ye think she'd let me take a nap when I get home... Nah!!... She could run a 24-hour radio station all by herself!!

The garbage is always too heavy fer me wife to dispose of it... But she'll come back from the cleaners with enough clothes for the whole Allied war relief!!

Well, sir, a happy New Year is comin up for a lotta yowse guys, but it'll be the last happy one fer a many of ya unless ya smarten up!!... Teach 'em how to clean drain pipes!!... and they's lotta wimmen what wouldn't put a needle in nuttin but a phonograph... Tell 'em bed should be changed long before the union label wears off!!... Make these revolutions now, and ya won't be living happily ever after... Amen.

I would appreciate it ifen my friends would not bring this issue of the BAYONET into my house, the views being my own, and not quite the same when I talk to my wife... I like to let her think she's the boss, tek, tek!!

—Cpl. Geo. G. Jenston, 22nd Co., 1st STE.

Christmas cards too can be just "scraps of paper" unless we make these holiday wishes part of our everyday lives.

Our need today is not simply to change bad men into good, but to give new heart, courage and sense of direction to the good men.

Who is going to make reparation for the broken hearts and homes following the war and for the ravages of hate?

## We Resolve To Ignore:



## USO Presents—

A SERIES OF APPROPRIATE CELEBRATIONS INSURING IN THE NEW YEAR OF 1944

By PFC. LOUISE WILIE  
The USO clubs of Columbus are planning gala holiday entertainment events to help Fort Benning soldiers usher in the New Year.

Special parties and dances are scheduled at virtually every USO, with music, pretty hostesses, and refreshments to add to the festive atmosphere.

At the YWCA-USO 1425 Third avenue, there will be a New Year's Eve dance, beginning at 8:45 Fort Benning time. On New Year's Day, the club will open house, with plenty of refreshments for G. I.'s who come in.

The Salvation Army USO, 1323

Broadway, also is planning a New Year's Eve party and open house, complete with refreshments, on New Year's Day.

The big holiday event as the Ninth Street USO will be a formal dance on New Year's Night. Though no special entertainment is scheduled for New Year's Eve, soldiers who drop in will find the club's usual recreational facilities at their disposal.

A formal dance is scheduled for New Year's Night from 9 to 12 o'clock, Fort Benning time, at the Negro Army-Navy YMCA-USO, 351 Fifth avenue. The Quarter-master orchestra from Fort Benning will provide music.



THE LAND OF BEGINNING AGAIN

Chaplain F. M. Thompson

Louisa Tarkington wishes—

"There was some wonderful place,

Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches

And all our poor selfish grief, at the door,

Could be dropped, like a shabby old coat,

And never put on again."

Well, there is. It is marvelously real, this land of beginning again. Many have made the discovery. It is within the reach of all. The time to gain possession is now. You can mend those broken promises; correct the misunderstandings; repair the wrongs; throw all your prejudices, bigotries, animosities into the rubbish heap of the closing year and start doing those things you have always wanted to do. It may require some thought, some patience, some endeavor. Perhaps this little poem, "Try It Again," by my friend, Dr. Robert Freeman, may furnish the needed inspiration:

"I played with my blocks—I was but a child, Houses I builded, castles I piled;

But they tumbled and fell, all my labor was vain;

Yet my father said kindly, "We'll try it again!"

I played with my days—what's the time to a lad?

Why pore over books? Play, play and be glad!

Till my youth was all spent like a sweet summer rain!

Yet my father said kindly, "We'll try it again!"

I played with my chance; such gifts as were mine

To work with, to win with, to serve the Divine,

With prodigal hand I did waste and profane;

Yet my father said kindly, "We'll try it again!"

I played with my soul, the soul that is I,

The best that is in me—I smothered its cry;

I lulled it, I dulled it, and now O the pain!

Yet my Father said kindly, "We'll try it again!"

"HOPE"

By TIP OGBORN

Peace on earth, good will to men,

These words ring clear and bright,

To a world at peace. But to men who fight

They shine like a guiding light.

To the soldier on some far flung front

Where bullets round him hum, They're a mockery to the things that were,

And a hope for things to come.

The one last hope in a world gone mad

For a Victory... And then,

He can truthfully live in a world of peace,

And good will in the hearts of men.

## Key Says—

NEXT YEAR SHE RE SOLVES TO LET NATURE TAKE ITS COURSE

Each year, as New Year's Day banquet of my young son, is also comes around, I'm tempted to set down a set of bright new resolutions, all designed to make a new and better woman out of the material at hand. But each year, after due consideration, I can't make up my mind as to just what sort of person I'd like to become, so I shelve the resolutions and go along in my present comfortable, if slightly muddled, characterization.

The trouble is, I have too many ideas as to the sort of person I'd like to be, just as I have too many conflicting ideas as to how I'd like to furnish a home. I desire the women who are skilled with the needle, and who can spend painstaking hours fixing their own drapes, doing a bit of needlepoint, letting down the hems of curtains, and slip-covering the furniture.

On the other hand, I also envy the woman who has time for many worthwhile outside activities, or who has the time to hold down efficiently a full or part time job. I am equally envious, and bewildered, by those women who appear impeccably groomed on any and every occasion, from a morning shopping tour to an afternoon tea.

It is a constant source of irritation to me that I can't combine the good points of all these women in myself. But something always seems to interfere. If I decide to concentrate upon being the perfect cook, someone is sure to phone for copy (Eds note—I'm a bad, bad boy.) just as the cake is at its most critical stage. If I barricade the door, determined to write a column that will later appear as a shining example between the pages of some freshman composition text, that is the time my family is most loudly determined to claim my attention.

Invariably, the time I designate as sacred to the leisurely pursuit of Mother Goose, at the vehement bars pinned up, Sargent. Ain't no hurry, is there, Colonel?

"Blazes not! My boy... plenty of time for all that. I'm just mighty happy to see one of my men work his way up to glory from the ranks," rejoined our leader.

"Yes," I replied, "and you will be an automatic corporal, as soon as you get out there."

"Full dignity, Sargent. That air a hot grade above Pfc, ain't it? Gosh! I never even figured on getting Pfc, let alone corporal."

"And that second lieutenant," reminded the Colonel.

"Sort of a belated Christmas present," I surmised.

"At ease, Sergeant! barked the air boy. "You had better make out that requisition for a feather duster!" Meanwhile Candidate Sawgrass, you may step into my office for a little chat. I want to give you a few hints about your conduct as an officer and to see if I can arrange to have you reassigned here as my regional intelligence officer just as soon as you receive your bars."

Without further words, Colonel Swampwater and "Candidate Sawgrass" retired to the inner sanctum, leaving me with nothing to do but to insert the triplicate Quartermaster requisition 785 in my typewriter and to hope for the best.

"Yes, Sir," I replied, fully cognizant of my responsibility.

"And you, Private Sawgrass, are really in for a fascinating assignment. General Quagmire and myself have decided to send you to Officer Candidate School!"

"Shades of Salome, Sir. This air plumb phenomenal!" gasped Private Sawgrass, trembling nervously and concurrently trying to adjust himself to the situation.

"You can do it, Sawgrass!" I added. "I knew that you had it in you all the time."

"Yes, Candidate Sawgrass," continued our commanding officer, "you are now destined to stand above the masses, to be a leader of Infantry, a bearer of the banner! Yes sire... on January 14th you will report, with full barracks bags to O.C. class No. 5678 to begin your future career as an officer and a gentleman."

"Gosh," said Private Sawgrass, as he began to polish his belt buckle with the end of his shirt tail. "This air a plumb big honor to me, gentlemen. How come hit were decided that I was to be made an officer?"

"You were blessed by the arm of destiny, Sawgrass," the Colonel explained. "To be perfectly frank one of my regimental clerks lost your service record, so the General and I just figured that it would be easier to send you to Officer Candidate School rather than to go to all of the trouble of trying to find the old thing."

"You're a lucky man, Sawgrass," I added.

"In the future, Sargent, you will address me as Candidate Sawgrass. I'm officer material now, yuh know?"

"Yes, Sir," I replied to the aspiring candidate, "I shall bear it in mind. And when, Candidate Sawgrass, do you want me to start saluting you?"

"Yuh kin wait until I get my

the only time an equally wealthy husband has to relate the events of the day. The hour I set aside for a leisurely but thorough glamorizing job is also, I have discovered through sad experience, the time for a minor calamity of some sort about the house.

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The trouble is, there's no stopping those outside activities once I get started. They pile up on me until I find myself running frantically from this place to that, determined to miss nothing. The house degenerates into a state of chaos, sandwiches and salads are placed hot dishes and safety pins taking the place of buttons. My family, I discover, is a bit annoyed, and I'm reaching the point where outside interests have become a vicious habit rather than a pleasant outlet.

Next year, I'm resolved to let nature take its course. If I feel like cooking, I'll cook. If I feel like reading, I'll read. If I feel like working, I'll work. But I know by this time no one's ever going to say to me "she's a perfect housewife" or executive, or hostess, or whatever else my aspiration may be at the moment.

"At ease, Sergeant! barked the air boy. "You had better make out that requisition for a feather duster!" Meanwhile Candidate Sawgrass, you may step into my office for a little chat. I want to give you a few hints about your conduct as an officer and to see if I can arrange to have you reassigned here as my regional intelligence officer just as soon as you receive your bars."

Without further words, Colonel Swampwater and "Candidate Sawgrass" retired to the inner sanctum, leaving me with nothing to do but to insert the triplicate Quartermaster requisition 785 in my typewriter and to hope for the best.

"Yes, Sir," I replied, fully cognizant of my responsibility.

"And you, Private Sawgrass, are really in for a fascinating assignment. General Quagmire and myself have decided to send you to Officer Candidate School!"

"Shades of Salome, Sir. This air plumb phenomenal!" gasped Private Sawgrass, trembling nervously and concurrently trying to adjust himself to the situation.

"You can do it, Sawgrass!" I added. "I knew that you had it in you all the time."

"Yes, Candidate Sawgrass," continued our commanding officer, "you are now destined to stand above the masses, to be a leader of Infantry, a bearer of the banner! Yes sire... on January 14th you will report, with full barracks bags to O.C. class No. 5678 to begin your future career as an officer and a gentleman."

"Gosh," said Private Sawgrass, as he began to polish his belt buckle with the end of his shirt tail. "This air a plumb big honor to me, gentlemen. How come hit were decided that I was to be made an officer?"

"You were blessed by the arm of destiny, Sawgrass," the Colonel explained. "To be perfectly frank one of my regimental clerks lost your service record, so the General and I just figured that it would be easier to send you to Officer Candidate School rather than to go to all of the trouble of trying to find the old thing."

"You're a lucky man, Sawgrass," I added.

"In the future, Sargent, you will address me as Candidate Sawgrass. I'm officer material now, yuh know?"

"Yes, Sir," I replied to the aspiring candidate, "I shall bear it in mind. And when, Candidate Sawgrass, do you want me to start saluting you?"

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## Terrific Struggle Seen For First Half Honors

Spirits Average 50 Points Per Game in 5 Conference Matches

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The league leaders have been loaded with scoring whoppers that have been little short of sensational. For instance the 176th Infantry averaged better than 50 points a game for their first five games, almost close to a point a minute. And they did their heavy scoring against both strong and weak competition. And the 6th Training Regiment Eagles and 3rd Training Regiment Rifles weren't far off the pace.

This second quarter which gets underway Sunday afternoon will touch off some pyrotechnics at the opening whistle.

In the Main Post gymnasium, the 6th Training Regiment will meet the Academic Profs, a team which has been kicking around in the first quarter which has played virtually without the services of Benny Zientara, who recently returned to the line-up after a season of illness. In the first encounter, the Eagles won by a single point margin and went on to beat the 176th by four points and the 3rd Training Regiment by two points, both of which teams averaged the 50-point mark.

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Now 47 points are a lot of points. The Spirits, blessed with a galaxy of stars, was perhaps the most feared team in the circuit. But the league leaders, the 6th Training Regiment Eagles, had never scored less than 50 points a game and were, in fact, on the verge of repeating a record of scoring a point a minute. They had 291 points for five games. Their mark of 58 for six games leaves them quite a bit off of that coveted point a minute figure.

The victory of the Rifles brought the Spirits for the second time in the current competition on the league court.

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Reason for all this is that a division order has been published asking company commanders to have enlisted men identify five out of five friendly plane silhouettes before going on past or forward. It would be unthinkable to have a combat team go into battle and fire upon our own planes.

Officers too, must be able to tell enemy and friendly planes when they see them. They are required to name 13 out of 13 before going on leave.

But with special "spotters" classes conducted often, it is a fairly simple matter to learn by name or number Allied aircraft. The men have even taken to playing cards with special decks bearing plane outlines in place of the conventional hearts, clubs, faces, etc.

## Shavetails Attend Advanced Classes

For many years, an officer almost always had to attain field rank—colonel or major—before he received an opportunity to attend The Infantry School's advanced course. When our Army began to expand, this course was opened to more officers of company grade.

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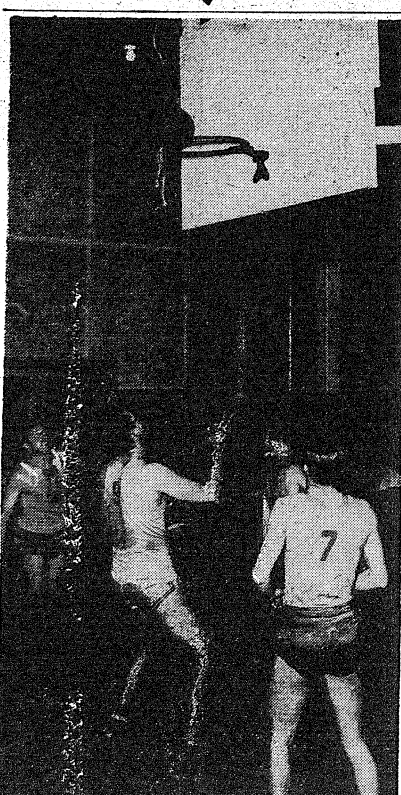
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## 7th Armored Leaders Continue Winning Ways

BY PVT. MEL WACHS  
This past holiday week, though short, saw the three top teams on the CCB side of the 7th Armored division basketball league defend their unbeaten status. The Division Hq. Co., 23rd Inf. Bn. and 77th Medics lived on without being pushed in league play thus far, plus potential Luisette who have been hiding in the background, the Luckies under Lt. John Samson. Athletic Officers have been shaping up and plan to doff their sweatbands around Jan. 9th. More about that next time.

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The 38th isn't the sole cellar dweller today. They have the 120th Main, first co-tentants following the latter's loss to the fast rolling 77th Medics, 51-31. Tose and Cardoni scored 17 and 14 respectively for the Kidz, the former upping his two-game total to 32 and staying right on Anderson's tail as the leader's lead.

Two of these three top clubs tangle horns next Thursday, in a Shepard Hall when the 77th meets the 23rd in a ball game which should help to disentangle the present first place muddle.

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With ace "Andy" Anderson out on furlough, the men from headquarters demonstrated they were not a one man team. They played heady, resourceful ball, using a tight zone defense to bottle the always dangerous Tanker attack. Although Roberts and Dunlap shook loose for thirty of the loser's total between them, counting for 14 and 16 respectively, the Tankers couldn't quite come with the sustained Hq. drive.

There was a good reason the league leaders didn't lose. Anderson's services as much as was feared. The reason is a chunky forward named Sabloff. The steady floorman really came into his own last night, garnering eight field goals and three free throws for nineteen big points. Besides its importance in the win, the Sabloff scoring spree placed him right in with the league's leading scorers. He's been good for 36 markers in the club's three wins.

Rule and Broussard contributed six apiece to the victory. Anderson pushed the 17th into sixth place. Dubec was good for four and Ayler, tall new pivot filling Anderson's shoes, tossed in four from the floor for eight of the victors' total. The winners led at halftime 22-15.

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The USO for the purpose of installing a troops-in-transit lounge for colored soldiers in Columbus. Tickets are on sale at company headquarters in the Reception Center and Harmon Church area and cost fifty cents for soldiers and their dates. Regular admission prices are one dollar in advance and \$1.25 at the gate. They are on sale in Columbus at the Colored Army-Navy Vets Club, 1000 Broadway, and at the Hugh Bentley's Sporting Goods store at 1305 Broadway.

It was announced that a section has been reserved for white soldiers. Colonel Ulic N. James, commanding officer of the Reception Center, expects to head a delegation of Negro soldiers from his command to attend the game.

Officials for the championship tilt will be B. T. Fowlkes, Atlanta Tigers manager; H. S. Powell, Hampton University, head line; and John Martin, Alabama Tornadoes manager.

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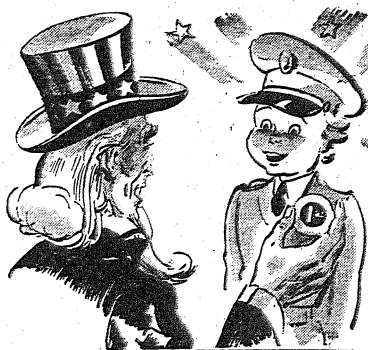
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# first baby

## OF 1944

### CONTEST



"I Am Going To Bring  
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And he, or she, is going to do that,  
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offering to his, or her, parents a free  
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★ WAR BOND

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1. First baby born in 1944 to an enlisted man's wife in the Fort Benning Station Hospital will be the winner of the contest.
2. A doctor's certificate will be necessary to determine the winner.
3. In case of twins, the first baby to be born will be the winner.
4. The father of the lucky baby will report to the Bayonet advertising office in the Ledger-Enquirer Building for certificates to the merchants to obtain their gifts.

The Merchants of  
Columbus Salute  
A New Citizen

What his . . . or her . . . name is, or where he . . . or she . . . lives remains to be seen, but whoever it is will be lucky indeed! The Bayonet will greet this first citizen of the year with a \$25 War Bond and the merchants listed below will give individual prizes to the newcomer. In case of twins, the first born will be the winner.



"I'm going  
to get a  
new pair of  
Shoes"

Miller-Taylor is going to give to the first baby a beautiful pair of Carpenter's Scientific baby shoes. Baby shoes should not only be well made, but should be shop fitted. Miller-Taylor's sales organization are experienced and experts in fitting children's shoes.



MILLER-TAYLOR SHOE CO.

HEY!



What's your great hurry!

WHEN it's a matter of winning a \$5 merchandise certificate from us, no wonder he's in a rush. Five dollars go a long way in our store for purchasing Baby's health needs. So, Mother, if your baby wins or not, it still means greater savings for you and better health for him if you purchase his Baby Requirements at . . .

**CITY PHARMACY**  
14 - 13th STREET



HI!

Are you going my way?

Since you're on the way to see us, you can be sure there will be plenty going your way! There will be only one lucky enough to win the \$3 merchandise certificate, but all babies have an equal chance to share our value-high Baby Merchandise.

At Your Service in Sickness or in Health.

**SULLIVAN'S  
PHARMACY**  
1401 - 4th AVENUE



Gangway!

I've got a date to keep!

Yes, sir, young fellow, we're ready and waiting for you. We have a solid gold Baby Ring waiting for you at Paul Jerome, Jewelers.

You will also find many other things just for Baby, so come in and see us.

**Paul Jerome  
Jewelers**  
7 - 13th STREET



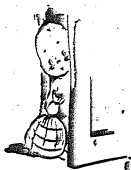
WOW!



It will be a close one!

Anyone Can Win . . . Anything Can Happen . . . especially when there is an 8x10 Oil Portrait for the Baby at stake. Wise parents see that they have a nice Baby picture and it can be had at

**MODERN STUDIO**  
1216 BROADWAY



Greetings

I hope I'm not too late!

TOO LATE . . . you're never too late to find what you need — and want — at our store. Mothers have always depended upon us to clothe their off-spring properly. With the new year, new mother will be coming to us for advice on what to buy for Baby. Whatever they do buy from us shall be quality throughout and exactly what Baby needs.

First Baby will be given beautiful Baby Dress from

**TINY TOT SHOP**  
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YEP . . .



I'm talking heir to a case of  
Baby Food.

No wonder he's proud!

No wonder he's proud! Good Food is vital these days. America's health must be preserved and passed on to the youngest generation. Quality food such as we feature is the force that can do it.

**Kings**  
SELF SERVICE STORES



"My Mom and Dad are going to get Free Steak Dinners at the Bama Club because I'm the first Baby born in 1944!"

An invitation to the lucky Baby's Mother and Dad, with no cover charge, to the Bama Club for Free Steak dinners is being given. A new orchestra is opening there—Don Murphy and his 12-piece band. Listen to him on WDAK at 7:30.

**BAMA CLUB**



GEE!

Do they really mean it?

Yes, we do mean it . . . Our word is as dependable as our shoe repairing! First Baby's parents of 1944 will get a merchandise certificate from Cumbaa's Boot and Shoe Shop.

**CUMBAA'S BOOT  
and SHOE SHOP**

T. S. RAWLS, Mgr. 18 - 12th STREET



GOSHI!



Always rush, rush, RUSH!

"How true," we echo! You're rushing to win a gallon of Wells delicious Ice Cream. Ice cream and all dairy products will make the children strong and healthy. Wells ice cream is nourishing and very essential to good health.



**Wells**  
DAIRIES CO-OPERATIVE

OH BOY!



Here's my chance!

YES, here is a chance for lucky baby and parents to get a \$5.00 credit certificate. We're sorry there's only one merchandise certificate to give, but we're proud to offer our distinctive selection of well-made furniture for Baby's room—or any room—for any type of home at our low price range.



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DIAL 3-2701



"Say, Did You Know My Mom and Dad Are Going to Get a Case of Royal Crown and Nehi Orange?"

Yes, Nehi Bottling Co. is giving the lucky parents of the first Baby born in 1944 a case of refreshing Royal Crown Cola and a case of Nehi Orange.

**NEHI Bottling Co.**



Greetings

I hope I'm not too late!

for my Mom and Pop to get that \$5 worth of meal tickets at Smitty's Sandwich Shop. When I get a little older I'm going to eat there myself.

**SMITTY'S SANDWICH  
SHOP**

9 - 13th STREET





# Puff-Board Device Used In TIS Saves Ammunition

It costs a pretty good chunk of money every time a 105 mm. Infantry cannon is fired yet fired they must be if they are to hold up their end of winning this war. One good blast from that gun can do an awful lot of damage but the important item concerning that blast is to get it on or near the target.

To do this requires proficiency in handling the gun. The proficiency comes only through practice. Normally this practice is gained by actually firing the gun. However, the Officers' Cannon Course of The Infantry School has solved this problem to a large extent through the introduction of a novel training aid called the "Puff Board Trainer."

The trainer is merely an automatic terrain board, a novel home-made affair, easy to operate and costing about \$15 to build. Its purpose is to provide an opportunity for student officers to fire problems with accuracy but without entailing the cost that would be involved were cannon and shells used.

The system is simple. The student gives his order for deflection and range. A second or so later a puff of smoke appears on the terrain board at the spot called for by the student's order. From that point on, the student can adjust his fire with deflection and range changes, and these will be reported accurately by subsequent puffs of smoke.

**RANGE, DEFLECTION**  
These puff board or terrain board trainers can be constructed in various sizes but the nine trainers now used by the Cannon Company are so scaled that eight inches on the board is the equivalent of 100 yards, both in range and deflection.

During the time the student spends on the trainer, he not only gets practice in adjusting fire on a target by noting the results he gets from the orders he gives but also gets constant drilling in the giving of fire orders. In the end, his fire orders should be rapid and the adjustments accurate.

For some time the Cannon Company employed terrain boards built outdoors with assistant instructors indicating on the board, by the flick of a stick, the approximate point at where a shell would land when fired according to the order given by the student. The range could be a closely approximated by a knotted rope scale along the side of the board but reflection was difficult to gauge.

Maj. Malcolm L. Wilson, an artilleryman assigned to the Cannon Company as an instructor conceived the idea of the puff board in which a puff of smoke could be used to indicate a shell burst rather than by a stick in the sand. He solved this problem by using sulphur trioxide, in an ordinary jar with a screw top and tube stems, to one of which was attached an atomizer. Pressure on the atomizer forces the sulphur trioxide through the second stem creating a very realistic smoke as from a shell burst. Capt. Charles J. Kennan, Infantry, another instructor in the group, has distributed many valuable suggestions for the trainer.

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whole Cannon Group poured in ideas for the board. Major Wilson and Captain Kennan pieced them together and the enlisted instructors in the group, all of Company F, Academic Regiment, provided the finishing punch. PFC Louis Lapine, a carpenter in civilian life, started work on the frames for the boards and before long T-Sergeant Otis May and Max B. Schrecker were adding their bit in the construction work. Over the frames was placed an ordinary window screen which was painted to represent earth. Various targets, in miniature, such as blockhouse, ammunition dumps, etc., were set loosely on top so that they could be moved easily. The screening was not stretched tightly and the result was a rolling terrain with hills and valleys.

**SMOKE DEVICE**  
The problem of placing the jar under the terrain so that smoke would rise through the screen under the target was a simple process. The jar containing the sulphur trioxide was placed on a board which runs underneath the full length of the terrain board. The jar is moved longitudinally up and down this board by means of a pulley and rope, the latter being marked every eight inches by a piece of adhesive tape. Thus when the range is increased 100 yards, the pulley is operated for a distance of eight inches, which is the equivalent of 100 yards on the board. The elevation necessary for the various ranges is indicated on the adhesive tape. When a range of 185 is ordered, the pulley is operated until the adhesive tape bearing 185 appears opposite the indicator. To increase the range 50 yards, the pulley would be advanced four inches.

The mechanics for controlling deflection depend upon the ranges that the terrain board is to represent. The boards made by the Cannon Company are constructed for ranges from 1300 to 2700 yards. This means that the controls are such that the gun is represented as being 1300 yards to the rear of and in line with the center of the board. A lateral pulley controls the deflection. Shifts left or right are made according to a dial indicator on the pulley wheel. One turn of the wheel is equivalent to shifting 1000 yards. When a lateral movement is made, the longitudinal board moves with it and with that movement also goes the

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BOB HOPE BETTY HUTTON  
—IN—  
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Rose Hobart "Michael Whelan  
—IN—  
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—IN—  
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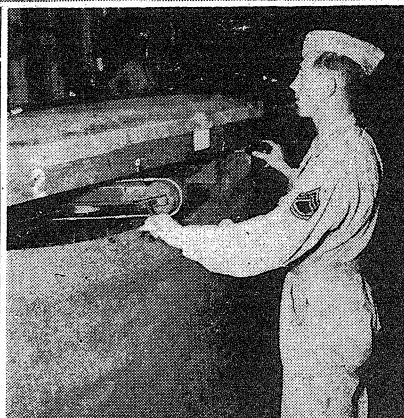
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—IN—  
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—IN—  
"HITTING THE TRAIL"  
SUN.-MON.  
EUD ABBOTT LOU COSTELLO  
—IN—  
"IT AIN'T HAY"  
TUES.-WED.  
Geo. Sanders Marguerite Chapman  
—IN—  
"APPOINTMENT IN BERLIN"

FRIDAY—ROYAL—11:20 P.M.  
New Year's Eve's Midnight Show  
Alan Jones—Evelyn Ankers—IN—  
"YOU'RE A LUCKY FELLOW,  
MR. SMITH"

THURSDAY  
JAMES CRAIG DEAN JAGGER  
—IN—  
"OMAHA TRAIL"

**TIME AND AMMUNITION SAVED**—When the faculty of the Officers' Cannon Course of The Infantry School wanted something more realistic in the matter of terrain boards, they got their heads together and, with the help of their cadre, built nine "puff board trainers," one of which is shown in operation above. The puff board trainer is an automatic terrain board on which the smoke from a bursting shell can be realistically simulated. The burst can be placed Use of the board results in a considerable saving in ammunition which would otherwise be used if students had to gain proficiency in firing their 105 cannons in the field. The upper photo shows a 'shell' burst. The smoke is created by a pot of sulphur trioxide maneuvered beneath the terrain which is made of screen. Lower photo, Technical Sergeant Max B. Schrecker manipulates the pulleys which places the smoke pot under the target called for by the student's fire order. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)



## Red Tape Cut To Pay Disabled Vets' Pensions

The War Department, in cooperation with the Veterans Administration, has undertaken action to eliminate delays between the date of assignment of Veterans Administration disability and the time he may begin to receive a pension or other veterans' benefits, it was learned today at Fort Benning.

One step which the War Department anticipates will be helpful is the recent authorization of the assignment of Veterans Administration personnel to Army installations in order to facilitate the filing of claims for veterans' benefits. This Veterans Administration unit already is operating at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C., as an Adjutant General's office. Personnel from this experiment will be extended as soon as possible to other military installations where physically disabled soldiers are being discharged. Thus, before the soldier actually leaves the Army, he may not only secure competent advice on the merits of individual claims, but a decision on them.

**THE MENTALLY ILL**  
Already an arrangement has been worked out whereby those mentally ill persons who require further treatment in Veterans' Facilities are discharged by the War Department to the Veterans Administration Facility by one contemporaneous action.

Blinded personnel will be retained in the Army in order to complete their social adjustment training even though no further hospitalization is required. This social adjustment training is coordinated with the Veterans Administration so that the vocational training that they will conduct will continue without serious interruption. At present, there are also under consideration in the War Department

using binoculars, a fairly realistic picture of an impact area is presented.

Major Wall is very well satisfied with the results of this training aid. After using it, students can go out in the field and fire their actual problems with a minimum amount of wasted shells. They leave their major mistakes on the terrain board.

## Two Children Perish In Fire

In a double pre-Christmas tragedy last Thursday night, fire of undetermined origin, claimed the lives of the two children of 1st Lt. and Mrs. Stanley W. Slater, the former a student officer in the 19th Company, 1st STR, TIS, at Fort Benning.

The tiny victims were Geraldine Marie Davis, 4, daughter of Mrs. Slater by a former marriage.

The Slaters who resided at 2101 Fourteenth street in Phenix City had left the children with friends in an adjoining cabin in the tourist camp in which they were residing to drive soldier friends to Atlanta. They returned at 2 a. m. Friday to learn of the tragedy.

Slater whose home is in Rhineland, Wis., is permanently assigned to the 323rd Infantry, 81st Division.

ment other proposals to remedy the situation. One of these is a booklet which will explain in very simple language to the enlisted man about to be discharged, his rights as a veteran.

It is the purpose of the War Department to see that as many service connected pensions claims by veterans as possible are adjudicated prior to discharge from the Army. However, it should be understood that there is no way that a soldier can be compelled to file a claim for pension benefits, although his rights in this regard are brought to his attention by the War Department.

**SOLDIER ASKED TO FILE**  
In this connection, each disabled soldier who does not desire to file a claim for pension is required to file a statement to that effect. Such a statement is not a waiver in any respect of any right to file such claim at a later date. Where it is the soldier's desire to file such a claim, the War Department cooperates in every way practicable to perfect the establishment of his eligibility.

Determination as to eligibility for pension is vested in the Veterans Administration. The War Department has in the past, and will continue in the future, to furnish that agency with all information concerning the individual that is required in reaching a determination as to his eligibility.

## Post Repair Shop Saves \$750,000 In October

To the tune of over \$66,000 the Army Service Forces repair shop at Fort Benning helped other shops in the Fourth Service Command save the government more than three-quarters of a million dollars during October, says a report released today by 1st Lieut. Ross W. Crossley, officer in charge.

Directed by Quartermaster officers, 113 civilian employees at Fort Benning's shop repaired soldiers' shoes, canvas webbing belts, pillow cases, blankets and other articles of clothing and equipment used by American troops in training. The report of the Quartermaster Branch, Fourth Service Command, covering shops at more than 50 Army installations states that during the month, 788,928 articles were repaired at a saving to the government of \$751,673.43.

## The Glad News Finally Got There

One startled student in the Thirtieth Company, First Student Regiment of The Infantry School last week was Lt. Thomas L. Dormer of Minnate, Neb.

On a Christmas card from an aunt, Lieutenant Dormer was commended "as I have just heard you are serving your Uncle Sam now."

Of course the mails these days to write home often.

are crowded with such affectionate greetings from proud relatives to those who are spending their first Yule in the service. But Lieutenant Dormer is hardly a recruit.

Three years ago this month he enlisted in the army and has been on active duty at many posts since then. So when his aunt added that she was glad his "first assignment" was at Fort Benning in the "Gunny South" he resolved

## Save Long Distance Telephone Time!

Give the Place You're Calling as Soon as the Operator Answers

Long distance telephone time is so precious these days that every minute is vital to wartime communications service. If you have to place a long distance call, you can save valuable time—for yourself and the war effort—by telling the operator the place you're calling, just as soon as she answers.

This enables her to see at once if a circuit is available for your call. Then if a circuit is open, she will take the other details of your call and start putting it through.

If a circuit is not available, she will connect you with a special operator who will take the details of your call and tell you the length of delay expected in completing it.

It will help if you will give the details of your call in this order: First, the name of the place you are calling and then the telephone number, if known, of the person or firm you want.

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## Chinese Flyer Is 'Chutist, Too

When the officers and men at Fort Benning's Parachute Training School get their wings of qualification, it is a pretty important event in their lives.

But recently, when one of the Paratroopers obtained his wings, he pinned them proudly above another set—those of the Army Air Force pilot's course. To make the story more complete, the officer in question is not a member of the United States armed forces, but of one of the allied armies of the Republic of China.

Lieutenant Ming-Nien Chien, of the Chinese field artillery has accomplished this remarkable feat in the period of a single year. He attended the Chinese Central Military Academy at Cheng-Tu, graduating in 1934. His country sent him to the United States for advanced training, and he reported to the First Army Air Force Liaison Training Detachment for field artillery at Denton, Texas.

The Chinese officer successfully completed the course and was

## 135th General Hospital Men Enjoy Holly Hop

Nearly 400 attended the "Holly Hop" given Wednesday night by personnel of the 135th (former 289) General Hospital at Service Club No. 1.

Guests were girls from the civilian barracks at the Post, Columbus Military Maids, USO girls of Phenix City and personnel of the WAC detachment at Lawson Field. Music was by the ASTP Orchestra.

The party was arranged by Lt. Roland A. Johnson, special service officer, and a committee composed of Staff Sgt. Robert G. Baker and Milton Branchfield and Corp. Thomas W. Mood, Jr.; Jack Ochin and Everett L. Pope.

awarded his pilot's wings. Shortly thereafter he appeared at the Parachute Training School at Fort Benning to undergo the grueling course of the Paratrooper. On the night of Oct. 1, Lt. Ming-Nien made his fifth and qualifying jump, and was awarded the second set of wings.

Since that time he has remained at Fort Benning, in the special section of The Parachute School, studying demolition and communication work for future use against Japan.

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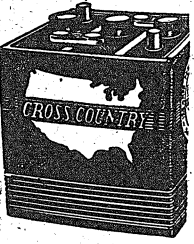
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